

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1579 - HB 1676

April 6, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that a defendant, by accepting a citation in lieu of continued custody, agrees to appear at the arresting law enforcement agency to be booked and processed at the time of conviction or within a reasonable time thereof as ordered by the court. Current law specifies that such defendant shall appear for booking and processing prior to trial.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditure - Not Significant

Estimate assumes a decrease in the number of convictions for failure to appear, a Class A misdemeanor, due to individuals not having to appear for booking and processing until the time of conviction. The impact depends upon the decrease in the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting decreased cost to local governments not having to confine such persons versus the decreased revenues to local governments from fines not levied or collected under the provisions of this bill. Any decrease is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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